

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 22, at line 13, by inserting before the paragraph beginning, “(3) Host Agrobacterium tumefaciens”, the following new paragraph:

--An *E. coli* strain MC1000 harboring the plasmid pTOK162 was deposited under the terms and conditions of the Budapest Treaty on September 30, 2004, at the Incorporated Administrative Agency National Institute of Technology and Evaluation Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD), located at 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari Kisarazu-shi, Chiba-ken 292-0818, Japan, under the accession number Nite BP-24.--